MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): This supplementary question will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

Depressed class students in Colleges.

292. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students, by caste, from the backward and depressed classes other than Ezhavas and Muslims reading in the Intermediate and B. A. classes; and

(*b*) the number by caste from the above classes receiving scholarships and fee concessions?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) & (*b*) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the reason why out of the two Kurava students only one is granted fee concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): In the case of other students belonging to depressed classes concessions have been granted to one and all alike. I wish to know whether this is due to a mistake in printing?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice. The member's suggestion is probably correct but I cannot say definitely without further enquiry.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether, the fee concession is granted irrespective of the consideration whether they are rich or poor?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): In the case of Mahomedan students half fee concession is granted irrespective of poverty. In the case of all other communities, poverty is an important consideration.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know why that distinction is made in the case of Muslims?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): The distinction is made with a view to encourage Muslim higher education in the State.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Am I to understand from the member that Government are more solicitous to the Muslim community than to other communities?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is a special Mahomedan G. O. to that effect.

PRESIDENT: You mean G. O. relating to Mahomedans.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

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* *Vide* Appendix III.—page 885.

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Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 292

Statement showing students by castes, from backward and depressed classes other than Muslims and Ezhavas in the Intermediate and B. A. Classes and those among them receiving scholarships and fee concessions.

(a) Depressed Classes.

		Intermediate Class.	B. A. Class.
1.	Pulaya	2	...
2.	Kurava	2	...
3.	Cheramar Christian	2	...
4.	Sambavar Christian	...	2

Backward classes (Ezhavas and Muslims excluded).

1.	Barber	2	1
2.	Asari	1	1
3.	Edayan	2	1
4.	Pathiyan	1	...
5.	Nadar	4	5
6	Salian	1	2
7.	Paravan	...	2
8.	Chemmnan	2	...
9.	Nadar Christian	2	3
10.	Maravan	1	...
11.	Vanian	1	...
		23	17

		(b) Fee concessions.		*Scholarships.*	
		Intermediate	B. A.	Intermediate	B. A.
1.	Cheramar Christian	2	...	...	...
2.	Sambavar Christian	...	1	...	1
3.	Pulaya	2	...	...	...
4.	Kurava	1	...	...	...
5.	Pathiyan	1	...	...	...
6.	Saliya	...	...	...	1
7.	Nadar Christian	...	...	2	3

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